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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 718

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FOR ARA/MGT AND A/SY/FO

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SUBJECT: SHORT TERM LEASE OF VACANT LOT ADJOINING NEW AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE

REF: STATE 032662

1. MODIFICATIONS TO AMBASSADOR'S NEW HOUSE HAVE TURNED GARAGE INTO QUARTERS FOR HIS SECURITY AGENTS AND FORCED AMBASSADOR'S SEDAN AND SECURITY FOLLOW CAR TO PARK ON THE STREET. THIS IS A TEMPTATION AND A PROVOCATION TO HOSTILE TERRORIST ACTS AND VANDALISM. CARS LEFT IN THE STREET UNDER GOOD, BUT NOT PERFECT, SURVEILLANCE, ARE SUBJECT TO BOMBINGS OR HAVING BOMBS PLANTED INSIDE AND MACHINE GUNNING. IT IS ALSO AN OBVIOUS INDICATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE AMBASSADOR IS AT HOME.

2. POST PROPOSES TO LEASE FOR ONE YEAR, WITH OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR INCREMENTS, THE ADJOINING VACANT LOT FROM HE SAME OWNER AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF DOLS. 4800, PAYABLE MONTHLY. THERE IS 12,793 SQUARE FEET IN BRICK WALLED LOT LOCATED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE AND LANDLORD'S HOUSE. WALL CONTAINS SOLID METAL GATE FOR AUTOMOBILES; WALL IS APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET HIGH. LOT WOULD BE USED FOR OFF STREET PARKING OF AMBASSADOR'S CARS AS WELL AS PARKING FOR GUESTS.

3. LEASING OF ADJOINING LOT TO PROVIDE SECURE PARKING OF AMBASSADOR'S CARS WOULD ALSO PERMIT OUR SECURITY AGENTS TO

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PARTOL THE PERIMETER AREA BORDERING THE VACANT LOT NEAR

ONE OF THE REAR CORNERS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL.

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